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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

July 23, 2009

Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Rm 209

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1. **Newton Centre Playground** – Determination issued last meeting. Parks & Recreation asks to increase scope with minimal impact to resource areas and without re-filing.
2. **46 Heatherland NOI** – Owner submitted RDA for fence, then it was determined that the addition being upgraded was built in flood zone w/no permit from Conservation. Owner agreed to file after-the-fact NOI for addition and fence in flood zone and provide compensatory storage.
3. **Houghton Garden – paint violation** – Vice-Chair sent letter to B.C. students in response to last communication. Students have been out of the country but have promised to provide offer of mitigation in plenty of time for packet for this meeting – see packet.
4. **88 Selwyn RDA**- proposed deck in flood zone and 100 ft buffer zone to tributary of S. Meadow Brook with compensatory storage.
5. **100 Boulder Road NOI** - Addition to front entryway, addition above garage, remove porch and construct addition on pier foundation and grading within the first 100 ft of riverfront and in flood zone.
6. **DCR Bridge Repair – Abutter Notification** – Request to set limits on abutter notification
7. **Hemlock Gorge Right Circular Dam, right Dike** – Written report from GZA following fill of ‘sinkhole’

Violations --Updates

76 Webster Park – Habitat – utility poles in CR area – Habitat requests to remove and put lines underground in driveway, and wants sign-off on Certificate of Occupancy –ISD issued a certificate of occupancy for one unit, and Planning personal, including the Environmental Planner agreed to a temporary CO for the other unit after a bond was posted for the cost of moving the utility poles plus estimated mitigation. Habitat is working to have all problems corrected.

35 Kingswood Road – alteration of bank of Charles – restoration area planted with 20 new lowbush blueberry bushes.

15 Harwich Rd –Violation –Have asked DEP to assist.

1203&1211 Washington St.

93 Andrew St.

3 Fuller Ave.

Certificates of Compliance (*needs action)

***2345 Commonwealth Avenue – Marriott Hotel** – Request for certification of true copy of COC for DEP #239-96, which was issued but never recorded, and OOC with no Certificate of Compliance.

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***31 Homewood Road** – As-built submitted for small addition in footprint of deck and small extension of deck within the 100 ft buffer zone to kettle pond and possible bordering vegetated wetland.

***61 Verndale Road** – As-built submitted for addition and deck in flood zone.

Mason Rice Playground improvements request for COC - OOC has expired, and there is no money for engineering services for as-built plan or letter that they are in compliance –OOC NOT recorded.

15 Marla Circle-mitigation plantings need to be re-planted, area documented, and MWRA easement clarified

1676 Commonwealth – needs as-built plans

Announcements & General Business:

Open Space Plan – considerations and member to work on committee and with Conservators?

Nahanton Woods – Judy– report on meeting.

June 25, 2009 Meeting Minutes for approval

Outstanding issues – discussion

Non-criminal ticketing – update — Q: Does the Commission wish to ticket under the Watershed/Flood Zone only?

Other

Anne Phelps, Sr. Environmental Planner

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